

# Iowa Statewide Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) AND Shelter Assistance Fund (SAF) Programs

## SHELTER MINIMUM HABITABILITY STANDARDS

**Instructions:** Agencies receiving ESG or SAF assistance for Shelter Operations must meet minimum safety, sanitation, and privacy standards. Agencies should implement a regular inspection schedule. Inspections may be documented with this checklist by indicating approved (“A”) or deficient (“D”) for each standard.

**Shelter Name:**

**Street Address:**

**City, State & Zip:**

Approved / Deficient	Standard (24 CFR part 576.403)
<input type="checkbox"/>	1. <i>Structure and materials:</i> The structure is structurally sound to protect the residents from the elements and not pose any threat to the health and safety of the residents.
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. <i>Space and security:</i> Each resident is provided adequate space and security for themselves and their belongings. Each resident is provided an acceptable place to sleep.
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. <i>Interior air quality:</i> Each room or space has a natural or mechanical means of ventilation. The interior air is free of pollutants at a level that might threaten or harm the health of residents.
<input type="checkbox"/>	4. <i>Water Supply:</i> The water supply is free from contamination.
<input type="checkbox"/>	5. <i>Sanitary Facilities:</i> Residents have access to sufficient sanitary facilities that are in proper operating condition, are private, and are adequate for personal cleanliness and the disposal of human waste.
<input type="checkbox"/>	6. <i>Thermal environment:</i> The shelter has necessary heating/cooling facilities in proper operating condition.
<input type="checkbox"/>	7. <i>Illumination and electricity:</i> The structure has adequate natural or artificial illumination to permit normal indoor activities and support health and safety. There are sufficient electrical sources to permit the safe use of electrical appliances in the structure.
<input type="checkbox"/>	8. <i>Food preparation:</i> All food preparation areas contain suitable space and equipment to store, prepare, and serve food in a safe and sanitary manner.
<input type="checkbox"/>	9. <i>Sanitary condition:</i> The shelter is maintained in sanitary condition.
<input type="checkbox"/>	10. <i>Fire safety:</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	a) There is a second means of exiting the building in the event of fire or other emergency.
<input type="checkbox"/>	b) There is at least one working smoke detector in each occupied unit of the shelter.
<input type="checkbox"/>	c) Where possible, the smoke detectors are located near sleeping areas.
<input type="checkbox"/>	d) The fire alarm system is designed for hearing-impaired residents.
<input type="checkbox"/>	e) All public areas of the shelter must have at least one working smoke detector.
<input type="checkbox"/>	11. <i>Access.</i> The shelter must be accessible in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (29 U.S.C. 794) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 8; the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601 <i>et seq.</i> ) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 100; and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 12131 <i>et seq.</i> ) and 28 CFR part 35; where applicable.

**I certify that I am not a HUD certified inspector and I have evaluated the Shelter to the best of my ability and find the following, as of the date of the inspection:**

The Shelter meets all of the above standards.

The Shelter does not meet all of the above standards. (The Shelter must take steps to meet standards.)

Evaluator's Name

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Evaluator's Signature

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Date